

## WHITE HOUSE HEARS VILLISTAS' RETREAT GOES ON STEADILY

Despite Denial of Agency Here, War Department Confirms Story of Torreon's Evacuation.

### BRECKINRIDGE SEES WILSON

Believed President Was Shown Telegram Reporting Arrival of Thousands of Leader's Followers at Juarez.

Despite vigorous denials from the Villa agency, official reports continued to reach Washington today of the steady retreat of Villista forces toward the United States border.

At the time that the agency was getting out a statement denying the State Department's advice confirming Villista's evacuation of Torreon, the War Department was making public a dispatch from General Pershing at El Paso telling of the arrival there of hundreds of Villistas withdrawing from the interior.

Pershing's dispatch was as follows: "Five to seven thousand Villistas in Juarez. General movement of Villistas toward border points."

The department also gave out a dispatch from Nogales, Ariz., indicating the defeat at Nogales, Mexico, of the Carranzistas under General Calles, who has been fighting Maytorena.

"General Calles left 156 dead, many horses, and supplies after recent battle. Then commingled railway for troop transportation."

Whether the Villistas retreating toward the border have in mind any demonstrations against the American forces on the other side of the line as a result of the action of the Pan-American conference is a possibility which is causing some apprehension in official circles.

Acting Secretary of War Breckinridge, who saw the President today, is believed to have shown him the Pershing report.

Vigorous denial was made today by Enrique C. Lorente, Villa's agent here, of the report that he was responsible in part for the Oregon boom as a counter-move on the part of the Villistas to weaken the position of Carranza, Oregon's chief. At the same time the agency issued an emphatic denial of rumors to the effect that the Villa government is trying to organize a new coalition with the Huertistas.

Quoting Diaz Lombardo, Villa's minister for foreign affairs, the agency states that while Villa is willing to grant amnesty to all Huertistas who did not participate in the assassination of President Madero and Vice President Suarez, or did not hold prominent positions in the Huerta government, under no consideration would he combine with them.

"Therefore," the convention party will consist only to the formation of a political group with elements generally revolutionary, especially with those which contributed to the downfall of the usurper and with the end of organizing a legitimately constituted government."

### Army Officers at Fair Must Live as Soldiers

Uncle Sam will not hire apartments for army and navy officers encamped at the San Diego and San Francisco expositions who refuse to live in the quarters assigned them, according to a decision by Comptroller of the Treasury Warwick.

### To Give Box Party For Hebrew War Sufferers

A concert and box party will be given Sunday evening at the Old Masonic Temple, Ninth and P streets northwest, by the relief committee for the Hebrew war sufferers.

An attractive program is being arranged. L. Karchem is chairman of the committee, and I. Pashof is secretary.

### TODAY'S BEAUTY SUGGESTIONS

Face powder simply covers up an unattractive complexion and leaves no lasting benefits. Those who have tried a simple spumax face lotion find it much better, as it removes skin discolorations, such as freckles and tan, and makes the skin smooth, white and velvety. This lotion is made by dissolving four ounces of spumax in one-half pint hot water, then adding two teaspoonfuls glycerin. This complexion beautifier does not rub off or show like powder, and gives a more refined appearance. It removes both shininess and sallowness, rapidly giving the skin a permanent healthy, youthful appearance.

An especially fine shampoo for this weather can be had at trifling expense by dissolving a teaspoonful of canthrox in a cup of hot water. Pour slowly on scalp and massage briskly. This creates a soothing, cooling tather that dissolves and removes all dandruff, excess oil, and dirt. Rinsing leaves the scalp spotlessly clean, soft, and pliant, while the hair takes on a glossy richness which makes it seem very much heavier than it is. After a canthrox shampoo arranging the hair is a pleasure.

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## Britain Is Using War To Promote Own Trade, Officials Here Think

State Department, After Investigation, Has No Proof, But Opinion Is Slowly Veering Around to Belief That England Is Taking Advantage of U. S.

Official opinion in Washington is veering around slowly but surely to the belief that Great Britain, while restraining the trade of the United States and other neutrals, is making use of the military situation to promote her own foreign trade.

This has long been suspected here, and many American shippers have been convinced of it. The State Department has investigated it, but officials have said they could not get the proof, and there also was apparent in some quarters a desire not to be forced to impute such a record of bad faith to England.

The situation is such now that the question arises whether the United States, even though knowing it should get convincing proof, is willing to make an issue of it.

### UNITED STATES TRADE IS HELD BACK.

That England, while waging war on her enemies in Europe, is also doing all possible to build up her own trade and hold back the trade of her commercial rivals, is the point at issue.

Doubts on the subject have largely been cleared away by a report from Consul General Skinner at London. Mr. Skinner has at different times sent reports here indicating he was fully convinced of the British policy. Now he says:

"Measures designed to protect the military situation are being utilized to protect British trade at the expense of other countries."

Consul General Skinner has reached his conclusions from an examination of British trade figures for the six months ending with June as compared with the like preceding period.

Mr. Skinner says:

"It will be perceived that, while the articles under report, cannot be shipped from the United States to neutral European countries without being stopped and rendered liable to condemnation, those same articles are being exported from Great Britain itself in enormous quantities."

Special attention is directed to the items of copper, cotton goods, raw cotton, petroleum, and wool.

One of the most remarkable phases of the situation has related to wool. Consul General Skinner points out that while England has refused exports of raw wool to the United States on the ground of military necessity, half the usual quantity of manufactured woolsens and over half the usual quantity of carpets have been shipped by Great Britain to this country.

The British explanation of these singular facts is that the exports are in some degree controlled by the various committees which authorize the granting of licenses to export and that only importers of known standing are favored who can be counted on not to sell to enemy countries. The explanation is that the British government.

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## GIANT WARSHIP IS READY FOR BRITISH

Superdreadnaught Said to Be Outfitting at Liverpool for Service in Six Weeks.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The superdreadnaught Barham of the British navy, sister ship of the Queen Elizabeth and the Warspite, the most powerful battleships afloat, is about ready to be commissioned, according to word brought here by passengers of the Cunard line steamship Orforda.

The Barham, whose keel was laid in 1911, is now fitting out at Liverpool and probably will be in service in six weeks. It was reported that she would be sent at once to the Dardanelles.

Passengers also told of the remodeling of the Cunard liner Aquitania, which some time ago was fitted out as an auxiliary cruiser. She mounted twelve six-inch guns. It was said, but was found to be unsuitable for such service because of the weight of her guns, and the guns were taken out.

The vessel was then refitted as a hospital ship. She was painted white, the Red Cross being displayed conspicuously on her hull, and sent to the Dardanelles, where she is now doing service.

The Olympic, it was said, also is fitting out as a hospital ship, after having done duty as a troopship, traveling between England and the Dardanelles. The Mauretania, sister ship of the Aquitania, was at Liverpool when the Orforda sailed, about to depart with troops for the Dardanelles.

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## Woman Spy Gets Ten-Year Term

Male Companion Is Sentenced To Be Shot By Court In England.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—A woman spy, convicted at Old Bailey, has been sentenced to serve ten years and her male companion, also convicted on espionage charges, has been sentenced to be shot, the press bureau stated today. Both were of German origin.

In conformity with press bureau regulations the names of the spies and the circumstances surrounding their arrest are withheld from publication.

## TWO CRUSHED UNDER LOADED FREIGHT CAR

BALTIMORE, Sept. 21.—Crushed beneath loaded freight cars which jumped the track on the Pratt street waterfront about 6:30 o'clock this morning, two men were almost instantly killed. A horse was badly injured and two wagons were demolished. The dead:

JOHN A. CRAPT, brakeman, twenty-six.

JOHN H. KAIDEL, trainman, forty-five.

Craft and Kaidel were standing between two cars, part of a train of six, drawn by a shifting engine. At South street the cars awayed and left the track and the men fell beneath the wheels. They died a few minutes after reaching the Mercy Hospital.

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